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1. The fortifications on which Trudovak Company Military No. 8231 worked from the beginning of January until mid-June 1951 extended from the Kirilovo pastures to the Vulcha Polyana meadow. Kirilovo village is in a valley approximately four or five kilometers east of the Bulgarian-Turkish border.
2. Similar fortifications were being built in other areas on the frontier beginning at Maritsa on the Black Sea. The fortified line is defended by troops which had been in summer encampments since April 1951. The 2 Trudovak Regiment in Elkhovo, of which [REDACTED] was also working on fortifications in the Lesovo, Velcha Polyana, and Melnitsa regions. The lines extend from the border toward the interior hills where bunkers have been built.
3. At the second line of fortifications, where the bunkers begin, the trudovaks had built trenches towards the rear. The barbed wire around the bunkers in the fortification area that had been demolished and destroyed was being re-strung by Trudovak 8 Infantry Regiment in Varna which went to the fortification area with 2 Regiment.
4. The headquarters of 8 Trudovak Infantry Regiment were near Tastepe (sic). Units of the regiment were in Kirilovo, Melnitsa, and vicinity. There were soldiers from the Kamena Reka village, Topolovgrad district, in 8 Regiment

[REDACTED] The 1928 class in 8 Regiment had been released, and the 1930 and 1931 classes were both called so that the regiment could be brought up to full strength.

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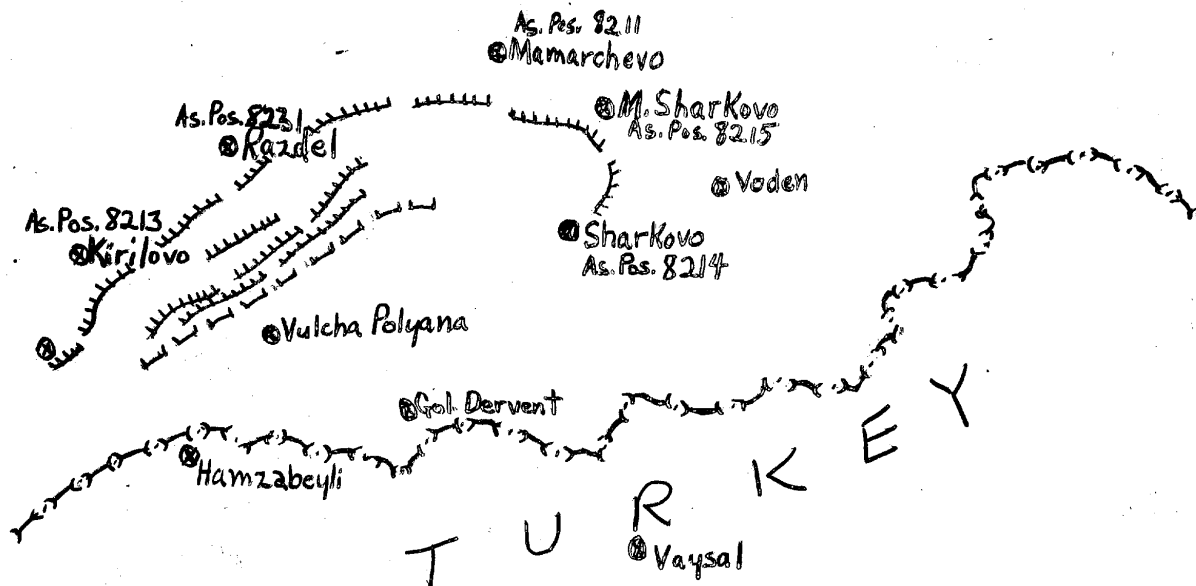
5. Beginning in January 1951, material needed for fortifications was shipped into Elkhovo by rail and transferred to the fortification areas by truck. Carts of local villagers were used to convey materials to places where trucks could not be used. Supplies were unloaded from the trains into the trucks by a service company of 100 men. Fortification supplies included: lumber, iron posts, cement, lime, nails, barbed wire, and brick.
6. In April 1951, 11 Infantry Regiment made summer encampments in the border area and engaged in fortification work at Lesovo, Malnitsa, and Vulcha Polyana. 25X1 The 29 Regiment was believed to be fortifying the Voden area.

Comment: Two enclosures follow:

- (A) The Fortification on the Turkish Border in Elkhovo Vicinity.
- (B) The Fortification System in Razdel Area.

Enclosure (A) THE FORTIFICATION ON THE TURKISH BORDER IN ELKHOVO VICINITY.

Elkhovo



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Fortification Line

Tank Trap

Lalapasa

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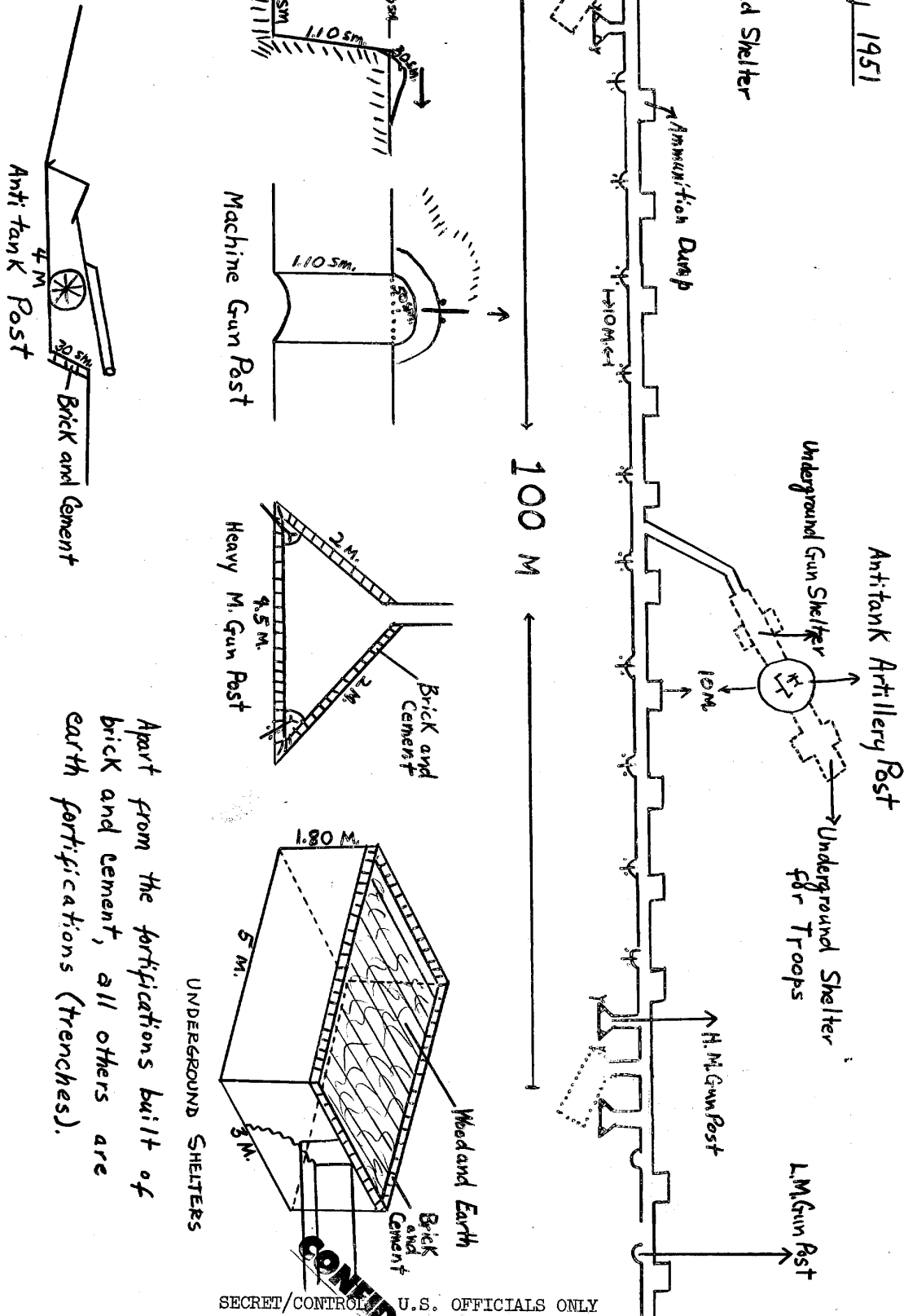
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THE FORTIFICATION SYSTEM IN RAZDEL AREA



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